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KRISTOPHER AUGUSTINE				KCI MALVERN OWNERCO, LP					
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Ontario, Canada (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)				County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Chester County, PA (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)					
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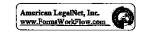
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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KCI MALVERN OWNERCO, GP LLC, Individually and d/b/a Ave Malvern and

Ave Living by Korman;

v.

SHK MANAGEMENT, INC., Individually: and d/b/a Korman Communities, Inc. and Ave Malvern and Ave Living by Korman; KORMAN COMMUNITIES GP I, LLC, Individually and d/b/a Korman

Communities, Inc. and Ave Malvern and Ave Living by Korman;

JOHN DOE 1-100 and

ABC CORPORATIONS 1-100 NO.:

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO: CLERK OF COURT OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Defendants KCI Malvern Ownerco, LP f/k/a PR KC Malvern Ownerco, LP, Individually and d/b/a Ave Malvern and Ave Living by Korman; KCI Malvern Ownerco, GP LLC, Individually and d/b/a Ave Malvern and Ave Living by Korman; SHK Management, Inc., Individually and d/b/a Korman Communities, Inc. and Ave Malvern and Ave Living by Korman; Korman Communities GP I, LLC, Individually and d/b/a Korman Communities, Inc. and Ave Malvern and Ave Living by Korman (hereinafter referred to as "Removing Defendants"), by and through their attorneys, William J. Ferren & Associates, hereby file the within Notice of Removal from the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania pursuant to 28 U.S. § 1441(b), Removal based on diversity of citizenship, and aver as follows:

- 1. On or about September 29, 2022, Plaintiff Kristopher Augustine filed a Complaint against Defendants, KCI Malvern Ownerco, LP f/k/a PR KC Malvern Ownerco, LP, Individually and d/b/a Ave Malvern and Ave Living by Korman; KCI Malvern Ownerco, GP LLC, Individually and d/b/a Ave Malvern and Ave Living by Korman; SHK Management, Inc., Individually and d/b/a Korman Communities, Inc. and Ave Malvern and Ave Living by Korman; Korman Communities GP I, LLC, Individually and d/b/a Korman Communities, Inc. and Ave Malvern and Ave Living by Korman; John Doe 1-100 and ABC Corporations 1-100, in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, seeking damages in excess of \$50,000.00. A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Complaint filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, September Term, 2022; No.: 02987 is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A".
- 2. Removing Defendants were served with a copy of the Complaint on or about October 10, 2022.
- 3. In his Complaint, Plaintiff alleges that he is a <u>resident of Hamilton, Ontario,</u>

 <u>Canada</u>. <u>See Exhibit "A"</u>.
- 4. Plaintiff further alleges in his Complaint that the incident giving rise to this litigation involved an alleged slip and fall on black ice, which resulted in purported "series" injuries, wage loss, and medical expenses. <u>See Exhibit "A"</u>.
- 5. Per Plaintiff's Complaint, the alleged incident occurred at 311 E. Lancaster Avenue in Malvern, Chester County, Pennsylvania. See Exhibit "A" at P14.

- 6. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) provides that "[t]he district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000... and is between (1) [c]itizens of different States."
- 7. 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), pertaining to removal of civil actions, provides, in pertinent part, that "any civil action brought in a State court of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant or the defendants, to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where such action is pending."
- 8. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(1) provides that "[t]he notice of removal of a civil action or proceeding shall be filed within thirty (30) days after the receipt by the defendant . . . of a copy of the initial pleading setting forth the claim for relief upon which such action or proceeding is based . . ."
- 9. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(2)(A) provides that "[w]hen a civil action is removed solely under section 1441(a) . . ., all defendants who have been properly joined and served must join in or consent to the removal of the action."
- 10. KCI Malvern Ownerco, LP; KCI Malvern Ownerco, GP LLC; SHK Management, Inc.; and Korman Communities GP I, LLC are business entities in Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
- 11. For the purposes of diversity and venue, Plaintiff is a citizen of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, not residing within this Judicial District.
 - 12. There is complete diversity between Plaintiff and listed Defendants.

- 13. Plaintiff's Complaint establishes, to a reasonable probability, that the amount-in-controversy is in excess of \$75,000.00, and Plaintiff is seeking damages in relation to allegedly "severe" bodily injuries, in addition to lost wages and medical expenses. See Exhibit "A" at \$\mathbb{P}\$21.
- 14. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff is alleging a fracture, with resulting surgeries, as a result of the fall, in addition to lost wages and medical expenses and is seeking damages in excess of \$75,000.00.
- 15. This case is appropriate for removal from state court to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1) and § 1441(a), as complete diversity of citizenship exists between Plaintiff and the Defendants, the amount-incontroversy exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interests and costs.
- 16. The instant Notice of Removal complies with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) and (b), as it is being filed within thirty (30) days of the date of service of the pleading from which it has been ascertained; that the matter is removable by the Removing Defendants, and within one year of the commencement date of the action. See Exhibit "A".
- 17. Further, no other Defendant has been sued and/or served in connection with this action such that his/her/its consent is required for removal.
- 18. Promptly after filing in this Court and the assignment of a Civil Action Number, a Notice of Notice of Removal will be filed with the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

WHEREFORE, Notice is given that this action is removed from the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM J. FERREN & ASSOCIATES
BY: /s/ Stephen J. Gontkosky
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Ave Living by Korman;

JOHN DOE 1-100 and

ABC CORPORATIONS 1-100

NO.:

CERTIFICATION

I, STEPHEN J. GONTKOSKY, hereby certify that the facts set forth in the foregoing Notice of Removal are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

WILLIAM J. FERREN & ASSOCIATES

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EXHIBIT "A"

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COMPLETE LIST OF DEFENDANTS:

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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL ACTION - LAW No.

VS.

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and

JOHN DOE 1-100

(Fictitious Names)

and

ABC CORPORATIONS 1-100 (Fictitious Entities),

:

Defendants.

NOTICE TO DEFEND

You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint of for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

Philadelphia Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service One Reading Center Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 (215) 238-6333 TTY (215) 451-6197

AVISO

Le han demandado a usted en la corte. Si usted quiere defenderse de estas demandas expuestas en las paginas siguientes, usted tiene veinte (20) dias de plazo al partir de la fecha de la demanda y la notificacion. Hace falta ascentar una comparencia escrita o en persona o con un abogado y entregar a la corte en forma escrita sus defensas o sus objeciones a las demandas en contra de su persona. Sea avisado que si usted no se defiende, la corte tomara medidas y puede continuar la demanda en contra suya sin previo aviso o notificacion. Ademas, la corte puede decider a favor del demandante y requiere que usted cumpla con todas las provisiones de esta demanda. Usted puede perder dinero o sus propiedades u otros derechos importantes para usted. Lleve esta demanda a un abogado immediatamente. Si no tiene abogado o si no tiene el dinero suficiente de pagar tal servicio. Vaya en persona o llame por telefono a la oficina cuya direccion se encuentra escrita abajo para averiguar donde se puede conseguir asistencia legal.

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AVE MALVERN and AVE LIVING BY KORMAN:
580 W. Germantown Pike, Suite 200

Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

and

KORMAN COMMUNITIES GP I, LLC, : individually and d/b/a : KORMAN COMMUNITIES, INC. and : AVE MALVERN and AVE LIVING BY KORMAN: 580 W. Germantown Pike, Suite 200 : Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 :

and

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL ACTION - LAW No.



JOHN DOE 1-100 (Fictitious Names)

and

ABC CORPORATIONS 1-100 (Fictitious Entities),

:

Defendants.

Civil Action Complaint

- 1. Plaintiff, Kristopher Augustine, (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff") is an adult individual who resides at the above referenced address.
- 2. Defendant, KCI Malvern Ownerco, LP, f/k/a PR KC Malvern Ownerco, LP, individually and d/b/a AVE Malvern and AVE Living by Korman (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant Property Owner") is a Delaware limited partnership with a principal place of business and registered address located at the above referenced address located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
- 3. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Property Owner conducted and continues to conduct a regular and substantial course of business in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania
- 4. Defendant, KCI Malvern Ownerco GP, LLC, individually and d/b/a AVE Malvern and AVE Living by Korman (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant Property Owner GP," and collectively with Defendant Property Owner as "Property Owner Defendants") is a Delaware limited liability company with a principal place of business and registered address located at the above referenced address located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
- At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Property Owner GP was and continues to be the general partner of Defendant Property Owner.

- 6. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Property Owner GP conducted and continues to conduct a regular and substantial course of business in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.
- 7. Defendant, SHK Management, Inc., individually and d/b/a Korman Communities, Inc. and AVE Malvern and AVE Living by Korman (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant Property Manager 1") is a Pennsylvania corporation with a principal place of business located at the above referenced address located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
- 8. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Property Manager 1 conducted and continues to conduct a regular and substantial course of business in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.
- 9. Defendant, Korman Communities GP I, LLC, individually and d/b/a Korman Communities, Inc. and AVE Malvern and AVE Living by Korman (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant Property Manager 2," and collectively with Defendant Property Manager 1, as "Property Manager Defendants") is a Delaware limited liability company with a principal place of business located at the above referenced address located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
- 10. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Property Manager 2 conducted and continues to conduct a regular and substantial course of business in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.
- 11. Defendants, John Doe 1-100 (Fictitious Names) (hereinafter referred to as "Doe Defendants") are unknown individual defendants, who at all times relevant hereto, regularly conducted business in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.
- 12. Defendants, ABC Corporations 1-100 (Fictitious Entities) (hereinafter referred to as "ABC Defendants," and collectively with Doe Defendants, as "Contractor Defendants," and

collectively with Doe Defendants, Property Owner Defendants and Property Manager Defendants, as "Defendants") are unknown business defendants, designated as corporations, partnerships, fictitious names, and/or business entities duly organized, existing, authorized, and/or incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- 13. At all times relevant to this action, ABC Defendants conducted and continue to conduct a regular and substantial course of business in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.
- 14. At all times relevant hereto, including on February 4, 2021, Property Owner Defendants was the property owners of record of a residential apartment complex known as AVE Malvern, located at 311 E. Lancaster Avenue, Malvern, Chester County, Pennsylvania.
- 15. At all times relevant hereto, including on February 4, 2021, Property Manager Defendants were the property managers of the aforesaid residential apartment complex.
- Defendants, individually, jointly, and/or severally, directly and/or by and through their respective agents, ostensible agents, servants, borrowed servants, workmen, employees and/or subcontractors, acting within the course and scope of said relationship, owned, possessed, managed, constructed, maintained, designed and/or controlled the aforesaid residential apartment complex, including said apartment complex's sidewalks, walkways, pathways, roadways, parking lots, driveways, communal entrance ways/walkways, exits and/or grounds (hereinafter referred to as the "Premises").
- 17. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant hereto, Property Owner Defendants and/or Property Manager Defendants, individually, jointly, and/or severally, directly and/or by and through their respective agents, ostensible agents, servants, borrowed servants, workmen, employees and/or subcontractors, acting within the course and scope of said

relationship, hired and/or contracted with Contractor Defendants to manage and/or maintain the Premises and specifically to perform snow and ice removal and treatment upon the Premises including but not limited to the its sidewalks, walkways, pathways, parking lots, driveways, communal entrance ways/walkways, exits and/or grounds.

- Defendants, Property Manager Defendants, and/or Contractor Defendants (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Defendants"), individually, jointly, and/or severally, directly and/or by and through their respective agents, ostensible agents, servants, borrowed servants, workmen, employees and/or subcontractors, acting within the course and scope of said relationship, hired and/or contracted were responsible for and had a duty to manage and/or maintain the Premises and specifically to perform snow and ice removal and treatment upon the Premises including but not limited to the its sidewalks, walkways, pathways, parking lots, communal entrance ways/walkways, exits and/or grounds of the Premises.
- 19. At all times relevant, including on February 4, 2021, Plaintiff was a tenant of the aforesaid apartment complex.
- 20. On or about February 4, 2021, at approximately 8:00 am, Plaintiff was walking with all due care and caution, from his rental unit in the apartment complex to his motor vehicle which was parked in one of the apartment complex's parking lots intended for resident use.
- 21. At the aforesaid time and location, as Plaintiff walked in the aforesaid parking lot, toward his parked motor vehicle, he suddenly slipped on a layer of black ice and fell forcefully to the ground, suffering severe, permanent and debilitating personal injuries.

22. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff was a tenant of the apartment complex, and as such, was a business invitee on the Premises and was owed the highest duty of care by the

Defendants.

23. The section of the parking lot upon which Plaintiff slipped had a layer of artificially

created black ice that was not visible, discernible, and/or avoidable as business invitees, such as

Plaintiff, walked to and from their parked vehicles.

24. The specific area of the parking lot on which Plaintiff slipped and fell was permitted

to thaw and refreeze, thereby creating an artificially created slick, untreated and icy surface on the

Premises at the time of Plaintiff's fall.

25. At the time of Plaintiff's fall and for a long and excessive time prior thereto,

Defendants, individually, jointly, and severally, directly and/or by and through their respective

agents, ostensible agents, servants, borrowed servants, workmen, employees and/or

subcontractors, acting within the scope and authority of their relationships with Defendants

negligently and carelessly possessed, managed, modified, controlled and/or maintained the

Premises so as to allow a layer of black ice to form and remain on the ground in a common area

meant for business invitee use.

26. At the aforesaid time and place, the layer of black ice on the ground was an

unreasonably hazardous condition of the Premises, directly caused by Defendants' individual, joint

and/or several negligence and carelessness.

27. The hazardous black ice condition in the aforesaid paved area constituted a

reasonably foreseeable risk of harm for business invitees such as Plaintiff.

28. Defendants, individually, jointly and/or severally, directly and/or by and through

their respective agents, ostensible agents, employees and/or subcontractors had actual and/or

constructive notice of the hazardous black ice condition for a sufficient period of time before

Plaintiff's fall, to have taken measures to correct it and/or to properly warn business invitees such

as Plaintiff of it.

29. At all times material hereto, the Plaintiff exercised due care and caution for his

safety and in no way contributed to his fall or his resulting injuries.

30. Defendants' individual, joint and/or several negligence and carelessness, and the

resulting hazardous condition of the Premises were the direct and proximate cause Plaintiff's fall

and resulting injuries.

31. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' individual, joint and/or several

negligence and carelessness, the resulting hazardous condition, and Plaintiff's subsequent fall,

Plaintiff suffered and/or may continue to suffer physical injuries, severe pain, anxiety, depression,

emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of life's pleasures and enjoyment of life.

32. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' individual, joint and/or several

negligence and carelessness, the resulting hazardous condition, Plaintiff's subsequent fall and his

injuries, Plaintiff has undergone and/or may in the future undergo reasonable and necessary

medical treatments.

33. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' individual, joint and/or several

negligence and carelessness, the resulting hazardous condition, Plaintiff's subsequent fall and his

injuries, Plaintiff has incurred and/or may in the future incur medical expenses for the care and

treatment of his injuries.

34. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' individual joint and/or several

negligence and carelessness, the resulting hazardous condition, Plaintiff's subsequent fall and his

injuries, Plaintiff has been and/or may in the future be hindered and/or prevented from attending to and/or fully performing his usual and customary duties, avocations and/or hobbies.

- 35. As direct and proximate result of Defendants' individual joint and/or several negligence and carelessness, the resulting hazardous condition, Plaintiff's subsequent fall and his injuries, Plaintiff has been and/or in the future may be prevented from being gainfully employed, resulting in a loss of earning and/or an impairment of his earning capacity.
- 36. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' individual joint and/or several negligence and carelessness, the resulting hazardous condition, Plaintiff's subsequent fall and his injuries, Plaintiff has been and/or may in the future be required to spend money for household help.

COUNT I - NEGLIGENCE KRISTOPHER AUGUSTINE

v.

KCI MALVERN OWNERCO, LP, f/k/a PR KC MALVERN OWNERCO, LP, individually and d/b/a AVE MALVERN and AVE LIVING BY KORMAN and KCI MALVERN OWNERCO GP, LLC, individually and d/b/a AVE MALVERN and AVE LIVING BY KORMAN

- 37. Plaintiff incorporates herein, by reference, the averments in the preceding paragraphs, as well as all subsequent paragraphs as though the same were fully set forth herein.
- 38. The individual, joint and/or several negligence and carelessness of the Property Owner Defendants, directly and/or by and through their duly authorized agents, ostensible agents, workmen, employees, servants and/or borrowed servants, all in the course and scope of such relationship, included the following:
 - a. creating a hazardous condition, about which it knew and/or should have known;
 - b. permitting the hazardous condition to exist on the Premises for an excessive period of time:
 - c. failing to regularly and/or properly inspect the Premises for such hazardous conditions;

- d. failing to warn Plaintiff of the hazardous condition:
- e. failing to take reasonable measures under the circumstances to protect business invitees such as Plaintiff from a foreseeable risk of injury;
- f. creating and/or permitting a hazardous accumulation of snow and/or ice in an area intended for use by business invitees such as Plaintiff;
- g. failing to properly treat the Premises for snow and/or ice and adequately clear the parking lot area of snow and/or ice;
- h. failing to adequately illuminate an area intended for use by business invitees such as Plaintiff;
- i. permitting water and/or melting snow and/or ice to accumulate and refreeze in an area intended for use by business invitees such as Plaintiff;
- j. violating Property Maintenance Code 302.4.1 Storm Drainage: prohibiting the drainage of roofs, paved areas, yards, courts, and other open areas in a manner that creates a health or safety hazard;
- k. violating Property Maintenance Code 302.5 Site Hazard: proscribing all walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas be maintained free from hazardous conditions:
- 1. violating the Standard Practice for Safe Walking Surfaces 5.1.3: requiring walkway surfaces be slip resistant under expected environmental conditions and use;
- m. violating the Standard Practice for Safe Walking Surfaces 5.7.1: requiring exterior walkways be maintained so as to provide safe walking conditions;
- n. hiring and/or contracting agents, ostensible agents, servants, borrowed servants, workmen, employees and/or subcontractors to perform snow and/or ice removal upon the Premises who were not qualified to do so in a safe and adequate manner; and
- o. placing Defendant's pecuniary interests above the safety and wellbeing of business invitees such as Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in his favor and individually, jointly, severally, and specifically against Property Owner Defendants, in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) together with such further relief as this Court may deem

appropriate.

COUNT II - NEGLIGENCE KRISTOPHER AUGUSTINE

v.

SHK MANAGEMENT, INC., individually and d/b/a KORMAN COMMUNITIES, INC., and AVE MALVERN and AVE LIVING BY KORMAN,

and

KORMAN COMMUNITIES GP I, LLC, individually and d/b/a KORMAN COMMUNITIES, INC., and AVE MALVERN and AVE LIVING BY KORMAN

- 39. Plaintiff incorporates herein, by reference, the averments in the preceding paragraphs, as well as all subsequent paragraphs as though the same were fully set forth herein.
- 40. The individual, joint and/or several negligence and carelessness of the Property Manager Defendants, directly and/or by and through their duly authorized agents, ostensible agents, workmen, employees, servants and/or borrowed servants, all in the course and scope of such relationship, included the following:
 - a. creating a hazardous condition, about which it knew and/or should have known:
 - b. permitting the hazardous condition to exist on the Premises for an excessive period of time;
 - c. failing to regularly and/or properly inspect the Premises for such hazardous conditions;
 - d. failing to warn Plaintiff of the hazardous condition;
 - e. failing to take reasonable measures under the circumstances to protect business invitees such as Plaintiff from a foreseeable risk of injury;
 - f. creating and/or permitting a hazardous accumulation of snow and/or ice in an area intended for use by business invitees such as Plaintiff;
 - g. failing to properly treat the Premises for snow and/or ice and adequately clear the parking lot area of snow and/or ice;
 - h. failing to adequately illuminate an area intended for use by business invitees such as Plaintiff;

- i. permitting water and/or melting snow and/or ice to accumulate and refreeze in an area intended for use by business invitees such as Plaintiff;
- j. violating Property Maintenance Code 302.4.1 Storm Drainage: prohibiting the drainage of roofs, paved areas, yards, courts, and other open areas in a manner that creates a health or safety hazard;
- k. violating Property Maintenance Code 302.5 Site Hazard: proscribing all walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas be maintained free from hazardous conditions;
- 1. violating the Standard Practice for Safe Walking Surfaces 5.1.3: requiring walkway surfaces be slip resistant under expected environmental conditions and use;
- m. violating the Standard Practice for Safe Walking Surfaces 5.7.1: requiring exterior walkways be maintained so as to provide safe walking conditions;
- n. hiring and/or contracting agents, ostensible agents, servants, borrowed servants, workmen, employees and/or subcontractors to perform snow and/or ice removal upon the Premises who were not qualified to do so in a safe and adequate manner; and
- a. placing Defendant's pecuniary interests above the safety and wellbeing of business invitees such as Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in his favor and individually, jointly, severally, and specifically against Property Manager Defendants, in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) together with such further relief as this Court may deem appropriate.

COUNT III - NEGLIGENCE KRISTOPHER AUGUSTINE

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JOHN DOE 1-100 (Fictitious Names) and ABC CORPORATIONS 1-100 (Fictitious Entities)

41. Plaintiff incorporates herein, by reference, the averments in the preceding paragraphs, as well as all subsequent paragraphs as though the same were fully set forth herein.

- 42. The individual, joint and/or several negligence and carelessness of the Contractor Defendants, directly and/or by and through their duly authorized agents, ostensible agents, workmen, employees, servants and/or borrowed servants, all in the course and scope of such relationship, included the following:
 - a. creating a hazardous condition, about which it knew and/or should have known;
 - b. permitting the hazardous condition to exist on the Premises for an excessive period of time;
 - c. failing to regularly and/or properly inspect the Premises for such hazardous conditions:
 - d. failing to warn Plaintiff of the hazardous condition;
 - e. failing to take reasonable measures under the circumstances to protect business invitees such as Plaintiff from a foreseeable risk of injury;
 - f. creating and/or permitting a hazardous accumulation of snow and/or ice in an area intended for use by business invitees such as Plaintiff;
 - g. failing to properly treat the Premises for snow and/or ice and adequately clear the parking lot area of snow and/or ice;
 - h. failing to adequately illuminate an area intended for use by business invitees such as Plaintiff;
 - i. permitting water and/or melting snow and/or ice to accumulate and refreeze in an area intended for use by business invitees such as Plaintiff;
 - j. violating Property Maintenance Code 302.4.1 Storm Drainage: prohibiting the drainage of roofs, paved areas, yards, courts, and other open areas in a manner that creates a health or safety hazard;
 - k. violating Property Maintenance Code 302.5 Site Hazard: proscribing all walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas be maintained free from hazardous conditions;
 - 1. violating the Standard Practice for Safe Walking Surfaces 5.1.3: requiring walkway surfaces be slip resistant under expected environmental conditions and use;
 - m. violating the Standard Practice for Safe Walking Surfaces 5.7.1: requiring exterior walkways be maintained so as to provide safe walking conditions;

- n. hiring and/or contracting agents, ostensible agents, servants, borrowed servants, workmen, employees and/or subcontractors to perform snow and/or ice removal upon the Premises who were not qualified to do so in a safe and adequate manner; and
- a. placing Defendant's pecuniary interests above the safety and wellbeing of business invitees such as Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in his favor and individually, jointly, severally, and specifically against Contractor Defendants, in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) together with such further relief as this Court may deem appropriate.

OSTROFF LAW, PC

Date: 9/29/2022

John M. Borelli, Esquire

Attorneys for Plaintiff

Verification

The undersigned, plaintiff in this action, verifies that the within pleading is based upon information furnished to counsel, which has been gathered by counsel in the preparation of this lawsuit. The language of the attached pleading is that of counsel and not of signor. Signor verifies that the within pleading, as prepared by counsel, is true and correct to the best of signor's knowledge, information and belief. To the extent that the contents of the within pleading are that of counsel, signor has relied upon counsel in taking this verification.

This verification is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Kristopher Augustine, Plaintiff

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, STEPHEN J. GONTKOSKY, hereby certify that the foregoing Notice of Removal on

behalf of Defendants KCI Malvern Ownerco, LP f/k/a PR KC Malvern Ownerco, LP,

Individually and d/b/a Ave Malvern and Ave Living by Korman; KCI Malvern Ownerco, GP

LLC, Individually and d/b/a Ave Malvern and Ave Living by Korman; SHK Management, Inc.,

Individually and d/b/a Korman Communities, Inc. and Ave Malvern and Ave Living by Korman;

Korman Communities GP I, LLC, Individually and d/b/a Korman Communities, Inc. and Ave

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